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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

I, Matilde BUSTOS DE ABAJO, declare and say as follows:

1. I am a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in US Patent Application Serial No. 10/798,219 ("the application"). I make this declaration in support of the application. My curriculum vitae is annexed hereto as Exhibit 1.
2. I believe that, as of the application filing date, a person of skill in the art to which the application pertains would have had an advanced degree in hepatology or the like and/or at least 5 years of experience working in this area. Such person would have knowledge of the publications discussed below.
3. The invention described and claimed in the application is based at least in part upon our discovery that the administration of cardiotrophin-1 (CT-1) to a subject whose liver has suffered injury (as occurs, e.g., when functional liver mass is diminished or the liver